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Rep. Hamzy: April Donations to Food Pantry Will Trigger Matching Funds From R. I. Foundation



State Representative William A. Hamzy, R-78th District, today urged residents to make cash and food donations to the Plymouth Community Food Pantry this month, noting that the Allan Shawn Feinstein Foundation of Rhode Island will contribute matching funds based on how much the food pantry raises by the end of April.

The Plymouth Community Food Pantry provides food subsidies and referral services for needy families and individuals in partnership with other community organizations.

"The Allan Shawn Feinstein Foundation of Rhode Island is once again offering a \$1 million challenge to help fight hunger. The foundation will divide the \$1 million among hunger-fighting agencies throughout the country based on how much the organizations have raised between March 1st and April 30th," Representative Hamzy said.

"With the April 30th deadline drawing near, I'd like to urge anyone who has not yet donated cash, checks or food to this worthwhile local organization to do so as soon as possible," Representative Hamzy said. "Making a contribution before April 30th will help trigger additional matching funds from the Feinstein Foundation which will enable the food pantry to maintain and expand the important services it provides to needy people in our town."

Last year, during the two-month period, the food pantry raised \$5,863 in cash and collected 8,485 pounds of food. Food donations are valued at \$1 per pound towards the monetary total raised during the two-month period which the Feinstein Foundation uses to calculate the amount of matching funds it will provide to hunger-fighting agencies like the food pantry, Representative Hamzy said.